

The "million-dollar Congress" will be left in the shade by the appropriations of the present body, which is expected to exceed the other by at least \$20,000,000, and possibly by more than \$40,000,000.

Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE, the multi-millionaire in a speech to the workmen of his employ, said last week that property cannot be held back by any obstacle. Well, now, who's a-holdin' it back?

The highest aim, the especial charge of a public official should be (1) strict honesty in every undertaking, (2) an unfailing determination to guard the interests of the many against the rapacious schemes of the few, and (3) a firm resolve to do his full duty, all things promptly and impartially, whatever may be. The following of this simple precept would insure much happiness and prosperity to the people.

A TERRIBLE plague is just now devastating India, and Bombay is the center of suffering. The hideous scourge and cholera have broken out to an extent as to almost annihilate the country. The heat, the following infections and very deadly diseases, they are creating the greatest consternation, and their spread to contiguous territory is already noted. Thousands are dying daily and the towns are veritable graveyards. Sterilization is added to the horrors of the situation and the condition of those stricken people is indeed terrible.

There seems to be a prevalent idea with some people that a newspaper is always glad to get any thing to print, just so it is something to "fill up." Perhaps nothing more erroneous was ever imagined. A newspaper is glad to get the news at all times—items big or little—and not fulfilling its mission unless it prints the news. It is often a more perplexing question as to what to leave out than it is as to what it shall get matter to print. It cannot afford to print long articles just for the edification of a few people. Its task is to interest the general public.

Every few days we pick up a paper to read some fellow drunk a large quantity of whisky—most one generally a quart or a pint—at one sitting and died in a few minutes. Is almost every instance such as it proves fatal. The toxic effect of whisky is very simple. Whisky in small quantities is a stimulant and not exhilarating in its effects. Large quantities it acts in a very depressive manner and paralyzes the whole system at once. It would be well for you to remember these facts the next time you wager a few ducats in a drink.

The Louisville Star says that though defeated, Hon. W. J. Bryan is today a greater man than his successful competitor for Presidential honors, and personally respected by as many people. His mail is even greater than it was during the heat of the campaign. It has to keep a private secretary to attend to his correspondence, and a Louisville gentleman who recently wrote to the Nebraska about a business matter was told that the delay of his answer was occasioned by the great volume of his mail which had reached the average of 3,000 letters per day.

The Hawenville Herald says: There is not a citizen of Hawenville, not as an opponent against me, a single house in the city, not a man or woman who has been a friend to me, and not an unwilling host to him, who has not been a political or religious, and if these things continue it's about time when he comes again, in my pocket book.

And then again the Hawenville Herald says: It is reported that an effort will be made to stop the publication of obnoxious material at an early date. The indications are that of that kind is needed, for a strong snarl of honest people in the community, if it comes from westing the seat in a word to the people.

A TEST THAT NEVER FAILS. In the HERALD of last week mention was made of the probability nowdays of some people being buried alive, and the sentiment was added—which we repeat—that no horror could compare with it. It would be well if all bodies were thoroughly tested before burial.

We notice that a discussion has been waging for some time in New York newspapers regarding the great number of persons buried alive and how to prevent premature burial. D. P. Parker, a prominent insurance man, advanced a novel plan, "one of the best forms of law-breaking is incorrect." Insurance starts first with twenty-five cases. Alabama next with fifteen. Tennessee with fourteen and Florida with ten, while Kentucky and Georgia have each nine to their credit.

W. J. Bryan at Houston, Texas, says: "I am a man of iron—iron, not as to my physical constitution, but as to my mental. The indications are that no man should attain the age of 65. The bill failed, but still to the reasonable mind it would seem a very praiseworthy measure. If the age were put at 75 years, or to the proverbial three-score-and-ten, it would perhaps meet the general approbation of the people, and certainly be worthy of adoption in any State. We know of nothing which should be encouraged

more than longevity. In the major instances it means good health, right living and good habits to be able to attain old age. It takes a sound body, physically and mentally, to withstand the lapse of years, and a long career, well spent, is worth some reward. In this life, The Montana man's measure was not without its good merits.

JUDGE M. C. GIVENS, of the Henderson district, attempted a rather unusual application of the law last week. A newspaper reporter was present in his court taking notes of a case in which it was believed that should certain matters come to the court, he would have to appear before a certain lawyer's client, and the lawyer complained to the judge on this account. Thereupon the judge strictly forbade the reporter to print the master, threatening to send him to jail for contempt should he do so. The question as to whether the judge, in this action, was not usurping the prerogatives of his office is a mooted one. It is almost as pernicious an act to attempt to muzzle the press as it is to wantonly insult the court by a deed of this sort.

There is an urgent necessity that an extra session be called at once to relieve the financial distress of the State, to bring about some measure of relief for the crowded docket of the Court of Appeals, and to remove several other matters that are going wrong under the present Republican management. These are the principal reasons for calling an extra session. There is no room for necessary for the expense of an extra session for the purpose of electing a U. S. Senator. It would only create a wrangle and confusion like unto the scene of last year over this very same matter, and be of no practical benefit to the State. We can do without a Senator, but it is perilous to let those matters go on longer without attention and relief. If an extra session is called it should be the duty of every member of the Legislature to use his best efforts to prevent the Senatorial problem from coming up, and do his best to see to the welfare of the State's welfare. The Sessions will be opened in October, and the regular session of the Legislature can be sat at the next regular session of the Legislature. For the present our legislators can best serve their constituents and the State at large by enacting some practical legislation for immediate use.

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SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

[Big Sandy News.]

A young fellow down East has a bad case of the plague, and the people fear he will die. If the physician should become general the shade trees in every town would be hanging full of preachers, school teachers and editors.

—INTERMISSIONS.

The popular Governor of Colorado was inaugurated at an expense of \$500 and the popular ex-Mayor of Fort Collins at an expense of \$1000. The salary to the city. Such evidence of economy and honesty strike the Republicans and gold standard newspapermen, but they meet both hearty approval and endorsement from the crowd.

A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT.

[Montgomery Times.] In advance of the presidential election the people were told that the election would be a disappointment, but it was due to the action of the currency question. After the election of McKinley it was said that better times would follow. In this there was a disappointment, but the late Simon Cameron, a high-spirited, vocabulary—about the hip pocket certain Republican Senator who was a member of the administration, said that better times were to come. He is especially bitter against John Sherman, whom he says he beat, before he was compelled to accept the position of Secretary of State. In the meantime the rich become richer, the poor poorer. No change from this condition of things can be expected from the administration.

INCORRECT AS OLD.

[Louisville Courier.] Interest is never the bane of the business world. The contradictions between the present and performances are worrying them less than ever. Having secured power by a flight on the currency issue, they are now trying to sell the same issue of Congress, and return to the currency issue to exact a higher tariff. Another inconsistency in their attitude is the fact that a vote to be sold with McKinley will be ascribed by them to lower prices.

ABOVE THE DREAMS OF ARABIA.

[Louisville Courier.] Watters got \$10,000 more for his services than the Courier got. He has made \$10,000 more lecturing. His book on Lincoln will not sell at least \$10,000. Watters is above the dreams of avaring and exacting.

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